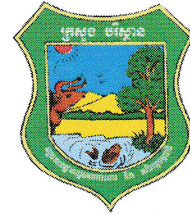




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CAMBODIA UN-REDD NATIONAL PROGRAMME

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Mr. Mario Boccucci
Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat

Subject: Request for no-cost extension of the Cambodia UN-REDD Programme

Per Terms and Conditions of the UN-REDD National Programme, a no-cost extension (NCE) of time of 6 months is requested. The current end date of the National programme is 31/12/2014; **the new requested date is 30/06/2015.**

Justification:

While intense efforts have been made in 2014 to accelerate the implementation to mitigate the delays that occurred during the previous years of the Programme, this has not been entirely possible in the remaining time. Based on an examination of the options for managing the remaining funds of the Programme and deliver the expected outputs, the Programme Executive Board at its 8th session on 7 August, 2014 approved a no-cost extension for a period of six months, up to 30 June 2015.

It is estimated that a NCE of 6 months would be sufficient to ensure completion of the activities planned under UN-REDD and a smooth transition to the FCPF. The extension is not expected to affect established deadlines, scope of work and budget.

During the extension period, the activities to be completed are planned to be carried out through Letters of Agreement between UN Agencies (FAO and UNEP) and General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection, Forestry Administration and Fishery Administration, respectively, and through capacity development activities. In order to ensure the technical soundness of the outputs, the work will continue to be supported by technical backstopping provided by UN agency staff and consultants. Furthermore, the NCE period will be used to undertake the evaluation of the Programme.

A detailed justification, work plan and notes on sustainability for the NCE are attached to this request. Please contact Mathieu Van Rijn Mathieu (VanRijn@fao.org) for more information.

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